

**WHAT WE CLAIM IS:**

1. A door handle for a vehicle comprising:  
a handle main body fixed to a vehicle door and possessing a housing portion  
5 at an opposite side of the vehicle door;  
an antenna housed in the housing portion so as to arrange an axis of the  
antenna to be substantially parallel to a longitudinal direction of the door handle  
main body; and  
a metal made cover for coating the housing portion from the opposite side of  
10 the vehicle door,  
wherein the cover within an axial direction dimension of the antenna is arranged  
to be more distant from the vehicle door than the axis of the antenna.
2. A door handle for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a longitudinal  
15 direction dimension of the cover is defined to be greater than the axial direction  
dimension of the antenna and a ratio of a sectional area of the antenna vertical  
to the axial direction thereof to an axially projected area of the cover is defined to  
be substantially equal to or greater than one to a hundred and twenty.
- 20 3. A door handle for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a longitudinal  
direction dimension of the cover is defined to be greater than the axial direction  
dimension of the antenna and an entire portion of the cover is positioned to be  
more distant from the vehicle door than the axis of the antenna.
- 25 4. A door handle for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the cover is not  
grounded.
5. A door handle for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the cover is not  
grounded.
- 30 6. A door handle for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the cover is not  
grounded.